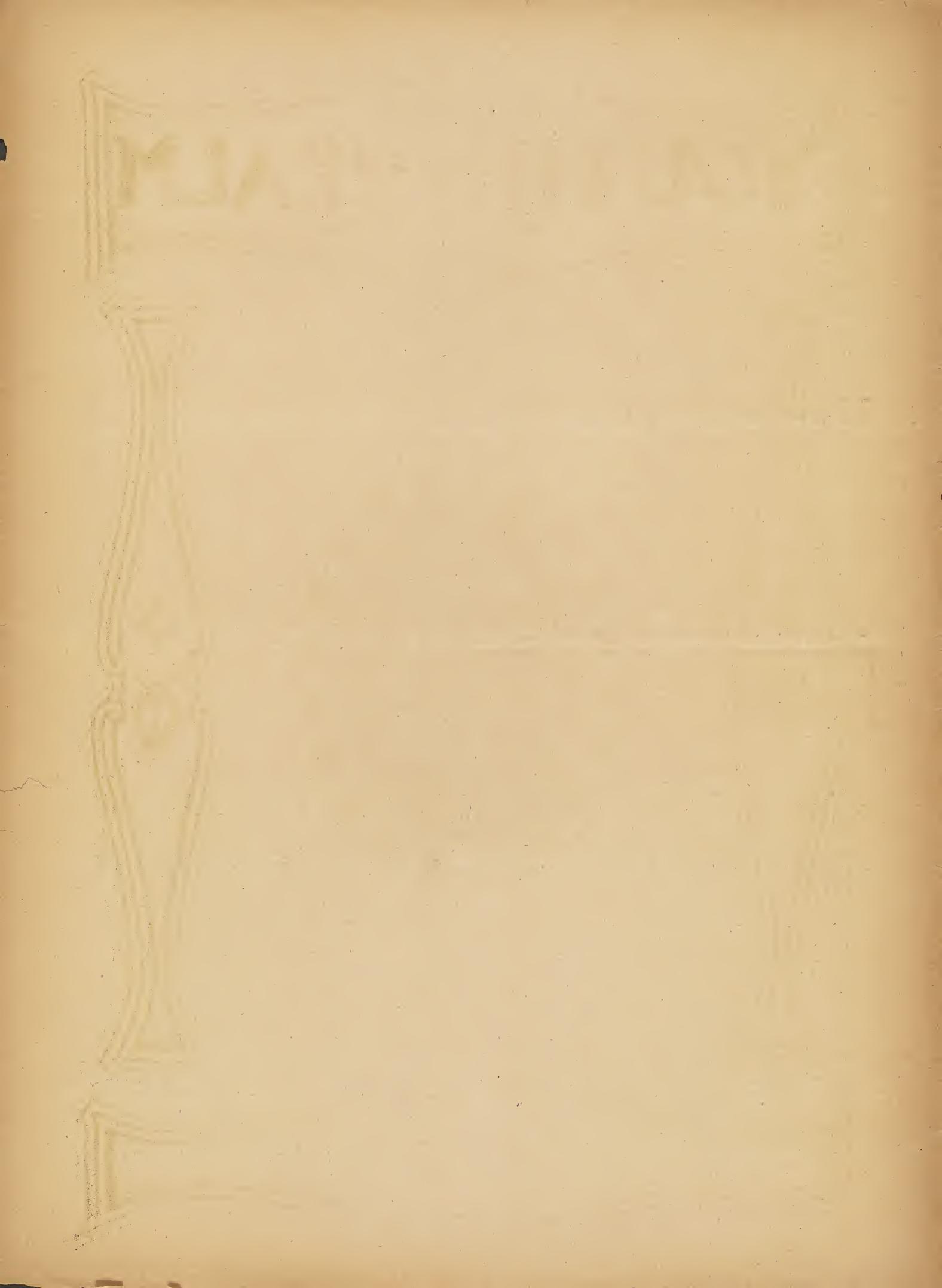


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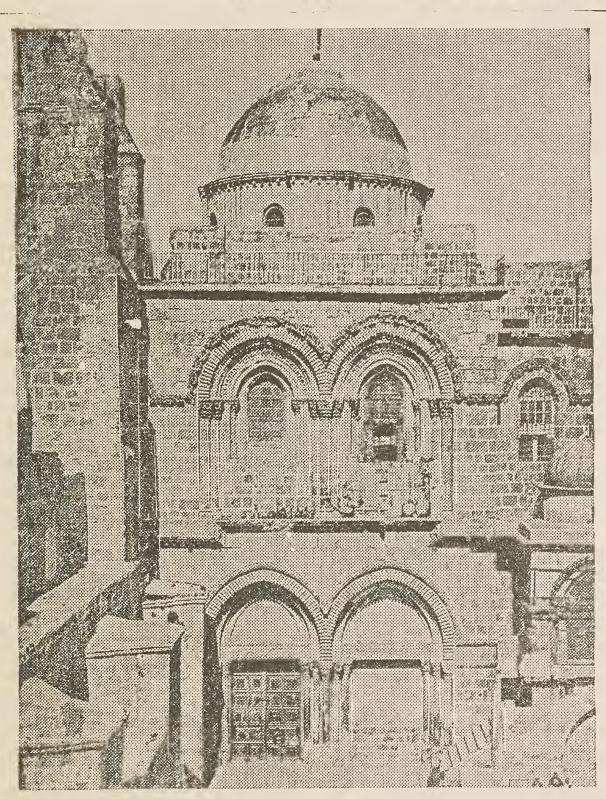
LL the world over Easter is a season of great rejoicing, as everything begins to cast off the dinginess of winter and Nature herself exhibits the spirit of resurrection. Palestine, the spot where the resurrection we commemorate took place, is supremely emblematic of the season because there the spring suddenly bursts forth and all the verdure and flowers spring up as though a magic wand had been waved over the land, for the excessive dreariness of winter is broken in the orient when it is still winter in western lands.

The beauty of the Holy Land at this season and the peculiar ceremonies enacted in the oriental churches combine to draw to the Holy City pilgrims and tourists from every corner of the earth to witness these interesting celebrations. No other city in the world presents so cosmopolitan an appearance as Jerusalem does at this time. Russians, Latins, Copts, Armenians, Syrians, all gather in large numbers in the Holy City for this week. The Russians, to whom Easter is the greatest festivity of the year, are represented in largest numbers. They walk wearily over long distances attired in the quaint Russian garb, carrying their services. The chapels over spots of

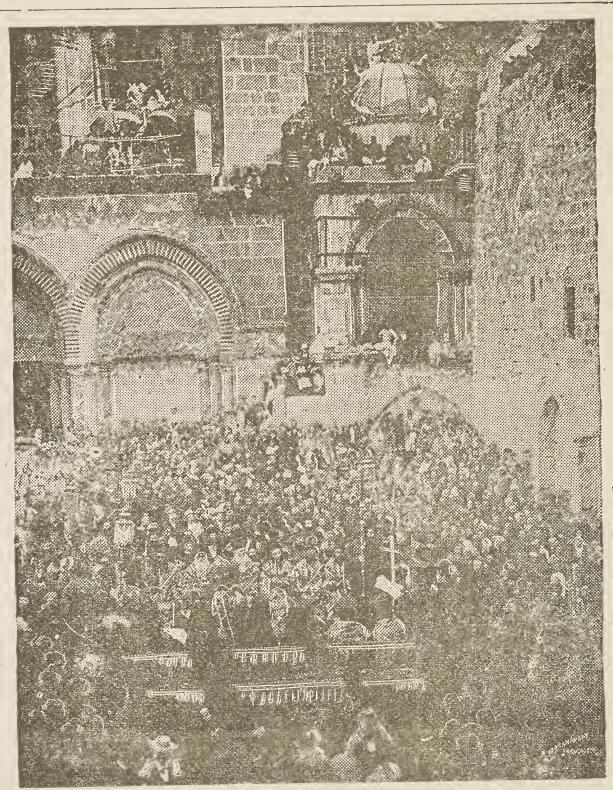
provisions in knapsacks on their backs. They suffer many discomforts on this long pilgrimage in the hope of thus winning eternal salvation for themselves or for the wealthy penitents in whose proxy they come. They belong to the Oriental Greek church. As they proceed through the country their melodious singing fills the air.

Second to the Russians are the French pilgrims, who come in large bodies. They enter the Holy City on foot, walking in procession, carrying banners and crucifixes and singing French and Latin hymns. Their first act on arriving in Jerusalem is to march to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and hold a service there.

The Church of the Holy Sepulcher, or the Cathedral of Palestine, stands on the remains of the beautiful basilica built by order of St. Helena in 335 A. D. over the supposed site of the tomb of Jesus Christ. In this spot the great queen is said to have discovered the cross of our Lord as well as those of the two thieves. Within this building the various sects of Christians-Latins, Greeks, Armenians, Copts and Syrians—each possess a chapel or an altar where they hold their special



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THE GREEK PATRIARCH WASHING THE FEET OF TWELVE PRIESTS.



THE GREEK PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM.

sacred interest belong to them all in common. These are the chapels of the Parting of Vestments, the Crown of Thorns and the Stone of Unction. The sites of the greatest traditional interest are Calvary and the Chapel of the Tomb. The Chapel of Calvary, the scene of sacred tragedy. exhibits three holes in the ground where the crosses are said to have stood. The Chapel of the Tomb, which stands under the great dome in the center of the church, is built of marble. It is twenty feet high and twenty-six feet long and eighteen broad. It is surmounted by a high dome in the shape of a crown. Before the entrance are some colossal wax candles. Within the chapel are two divisions. The first, called that of the "Angel," contains the traditional stone of the sepulcher. The inner portion is the Chapel of the Tomb. A marble sareophagus covers the rock of the tomb. Above it hang forty-three gold and silver lamps, gifts from European sovereigns.

The most important sects of the Oriental church are the Latin and the Greeks. The latter are the wealthiest and the most numerous. Their church is the strongest in Jerusalem. It is

backed by the power of Russia and numbers hundreds of Russians among its adherents. Its native members are Arabs and speak Arabic. Its clergy are from the Greek islands and speak modern Greek. Their chapel in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher is the most richly ornamented of all. It is filled with gold and silver ornaments of great splendor and with gilded pictures. Many lamps are kept alight continually and shed a most dazzling brilliancy throughout the chapel, making the images and the gilded altar cloth, the censer and the golden candlesticks sparkle and glisten till the whole inclosure seems to be ablaze with burning gold. During their services incense is profusely waved before the altar, and the bishops and priests within the chancel, attired in glittering garments, lead the service in modern Greek in a peculiar intonation. The

worshipers stand on the marble nave, for no seats are provided. No instruments are ever used in their services, but the worshipers sing in chorus in a most harmonious manner.

The principal services of holy week are held by the Greek and the Latin. The first one of interest is that of the "washing of the feet," celebrated on Maundy Thursday. The Greek patriarch and other dignitaries of the Russian church, attired in their most gorgeous robes, make a grand display of imitating the Lord's example of humility. This service is held in a large, open court before the church, which becomes crowded to its utmost capacity by Russian pilgrims and visitors from all climes. With great pomp and ostentation the Greek patriarch washes the feet of twelve priests especially chosen for that purpose.

The next ceremony of interest is performed by the Latins. On Good Friday night they hold a service in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, when they enact the details of the crucifixion. As the service begins at a late hour, the pilgrims bring their mattresses and sleep within the church until they are awakened by the entrance of a procession of priests, chanting as they come from the adjoining convent. The bishop and the prior, with his gold miter and black velvet cloak, trimmed with gold, and other priests, all gorgeously attired, form this impressive procession. A large wooden cross, with a life size figure affixed to it, is carried aloft, surrounded by many banner bearers. All the lights of the church are extinguished, and in total darkness the worshipers listen to a sermon which a monk delivers in Italian. At its close the candles are relighted, and the procession moves slowly toward Calvary.

At various intervals during this service monks deliver sermons in different languages. As soon as the image is lifted off the cross and placed on the stone of unction, where it is wrapped in linen, the pilgrims prostrate themselves before it in oriental devotion, They rub their heads on the pavement and adoringly kiss the figure and even the marble slab on which it lies, while whispering Paternosters and shedding tears of gratitude and of penitence. After the conclusion of an Arabic sermon the body is borne away to the sepulcher, where it lies till the ceremony of resurrection is performed on Easter morn.

The most interesting of all the ceremonies of the week is that of the "holy fire" celebrated by the Greek church. There is a curious foundation to this strange festival. In olden days, we are told, it was customary among the Latins to extinguish all lights in the church on the evening of the crucifixion, and on the eve of the resurrection a bishop, leading a solemn procession, replaced new fire in all the lamps. An old tradition says that on one occasion the bishop found the lamps already miraculously lighted before the procession entered the church. Ever since then this peculiar ceremony has been held yearly, when the holy fire is supposed to descend from heaven. The festival was first instituted by the Latin church, but in time it ceased to celebrate it.

Our Easter Sunday is kept as Palm Sunday by the Greek church, as, ac-

cording to their calendar, all feast days are eight days later than by the Gregorian calendar. As we entered the Holy Sepulcher on Easter day the first thing that attracted our attention was the fact that it had been turned, as the temple was of old, into a "house of merchandise." Venders of palm leaves and even of fruit were all around.

The grand mass of the Latius, who, with us, celebrate the resurrection on this Sunday, was being sung before the sepulcher. As soon as it was over the Greeks who were waiting around began to form a procession. A large banner was placed at the entrance to the sepulcher. The Russian pilgrims all prostrated themselves before it and touched it with their palm branches. Then they joined the procession, marching round the church. Here, again, were Turkish soldiers going before to clear the way. The priests, wearing their richest attire, their miters and caps glittering with precious stones, followed, chanting. Some of the priests carried sacred banners, and others sprinkled holy water on all present. As the largest banner appeared there was a great struggle among the pilgrims to touch it with their palm leaves. These they would then take back to Russia and treasure for life.

AN EASTER CONCEIT

PF I could catch that rabbit With the egg producing habit, I would nab it, Quickly grab it, And I'd put it in a pen, And there I'd let him lay, sir, Colored eggs the livelong day, sir, And I say, sir, It would pay, sir, For I'd keep an egg store then. ARTHUR J. BURDICK.

THE LITTLE MATCH-MAKER

By CALLIE BONNEY MARBLE

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NCLE JACK, four feet eight, a brunette and "stunning," so impressionable young ladies said, was preparing to attend the Easter services at the cathedral, an undertaking which seemed rather difficult of accomplishment, according to

his fastidious tastes, for the dresser was littered with collars and neckties, while half a dozen fancy waistcoats reposed on the table, and three or four suits covered the bed.

"Why, Uncle Jack! What is you a-doing? I is all ready to go to church wif you." And Doll, his five-year-old niece, arrayed in all her infantile finery, stood in the doorway.

She was a beautiful child. But, no; he could not for one moment consider taking her to church with him. He might wish to see somebody home, and he could not lug a child along as though he were a lone widower.

"Oh, no, Dell," he said; "you cannot go with me. Your mamma will take you, or your papa or nurse or somebody," he added in haste to furnish indisputable argument.

The child's blue eyes filled, and her lips quivered.

"Mamma is ill and cannot take me,

and papa had to go to the office, and nurse is busy, and"-politic child-"I do love you so, Uncle Jack! I just must go wif you!"

"But you can't, Doll. Stay at home, like a good girl, and I will give you a nickel."

"Don't want nickel; want to go to church wif my dear Uncle Jack," and, seeing no signs of relenting in her uncle's face, Doll, who had early learned the power of feminine tears, howled dismally, her voice rising with each wail. Jack, who knew that his sisterin-law must not be worried, was forced to surrender, but, manlike, he did not do it gracefully.

"I am astonished at such behavior from you, Doll," he said sternly. "How do you suppose I can take such a naughty girl out with me?"

In the incomprehensible way children have, tears and wails stopped instantly, and, feeling her point gained, Doll's face was wreathed in smiles, as, little descendant of Eve, she clasped both chubby arms around her uncle's neck and murmured ecstatically:

"My own dear Uncle Jack! Doll

loves you-she does."

Then, not giving her uncle a chance to repent or change his mind, and noting that he had no means of escape save the doorway in which she stood, Doll grew confidential.

"Minister told us that on Easter day we should give what was dearest to us, and I'm going to, Uncle Jack."

And slipping her wee hand into her uncle's, her cherub face wreathed in smiles, she trotted along beside him to attend the Easter services.

The joyous and beautiful strains of resurrection music were filling the crowded cathedral when Doll and her uncle arrived, and before the latter could signify to the usher that, with the child, he did not care to take his usual prominent seat in front, he was being taken up the aisle to his accustomed pew, Doll still clinging to his hand. Uncle Jack noticed an amused pair of gray eyes in the opposite pew.

For half an hour Doll was perfectly angelic. Then she began to fidget, and Jack cast such despairing glances toward the owner of the gray eyes that she grew merciful and beckoned to Doll to come over to her. The child, nothing loath to change her position, scrambled down from the seat, remarking as she did so, in a distinctly audible whisper:

"Goodby, Uncle Jack. I am going to sit with the beautiful lady awhile if you think you can spare me."

And how Uncle Jack envied her! She was soon nestled close to the loveliest woman he knew, which ought to have relieved him from further responsibility. But Doll was one of those children of whom you can never safely predict what the next movement is to be, so Jack watched her furtively in fear and trembling. As Doll continued to sit serenely still, he was beginning to settle down to an enjoyment of the services and the near proximity of the lady of his heart when the minister announced that the Easter offerings would now be taken, and Doll was immediately wideawake and alert.

"Uncle Jack," she called softly across the aisle, unheeding the warning "Hush!" uttered simultaneously by her uncle and the owner of the gray eyes; then, slipping hastily to her feet, in a slightly raised tone of voice she broke forth as follows:

"Oh, Uncle Jack, you are the best thing I had to offer, and I brought you to give to the minister! But," with an adoring look toward the gray eyes, "I think I will give you to the beautiful lady instead."

Beaming benevolently upon the couple, Doll sat down.

Fortunately the organ voluntary prevented Doll's words from penetrating beyond the immediate vicinity, but even then Jack said it was worse than any fire he was under in the Philippines. The owner of the gray eyes always insisted that the becoming blush which made her so lovely as Mrs. Jack had its origin on that eventful Sunday in the cathedral, when Doll presented her Easter offering.

"And I could not hurt the dear child's feelings by a refusal, you know," she added demurely.

"WHICH WON?"

[Original.]

Several young men were sitting around a table in the cafe of a club in New York. Some one introduced the subject of matrimony in order to start Cutler Hartsough gabbling, for being a woman hater, and, possessing a veiu of dry humor, he invariably waxed entertaining on marriage. He was especially caustic on this occasion and kept the party in a roar of laughter.

The next topic was as to the time required to make a journey around the globe. This occasioned an animated discussion which led to a bet between Hartsough and Foster Conant of a box at the opera for the coming season that Hartsongh would make the trip in sixty-eight days.

Hartsough left the next day at noon and, meeting with no delays, arrived at San Francisco with time to spare to reach New York before the close of the sixty-eighth day, which ended at 12 o'clock noon. So he concluded to have a good night's sleep at a hotel. After dinner he was sitting in the reading room, smoking a cigar, when a man approached him and asked if he was Mr. Hartsough. He replied that he was, whereupon he was informed that his exploit was the talk of the clubs of New York, and a New York paper had directed the man to interview him. Hartsough, much pleased, gave the desired interview, with information as to when he would reach different points on his journey eastward. Then the man departed, and Hartsough went to bed.

When the traveler reached Chicago, he had two days in which to make the distance to New York. He left Chicago on a Thursday morning and was not due at his club till Saturday noon. The time between Chicago and New York is twenty hours. In the parlor car sat a young lady dressed in a fashionable traveling costume. She sent the porter to him to ask if he was Mr. Hartsough of New York. Upon his reply that he was she sent him her card.

"Miss Ethelwyn Wheawill." Hartsough joined her, raised his hat deferentially and waited for an explanation. The girl's face broke into a delicious flush as she said:

"My aunt, Mrs. Clinton, telegraphed

me that you would be on this train. Knowing that I dread traveling alone, she suggested that you might consent to take me under your charge."

"Mrs. Alexander Clinton of - Madison avenue?"

"Yes."

"I know her very well. She has placed me under an obligation in giving me so charming a traveling companion. But how did she know I was to be on this train?"

"Why, your trip is the talk of all our set. Besides, I was told there was something about it in the newspapers." Then Hartsongh remembered the man who had interviewed him.

Miss Wheawill knew of his bet, and Hartsough gallantly told her that in case he won it he would beg the honor of her acceptance of the box for the season. This offer occasioned a sudden cessation of that liveliness with which she was attracting him. However, this passed off, and the twenty hours of the journey seemed to Hartsough but so many minutes. Mrs. Alexander Clinton met them at the Grand Central station with her carriage and insisted on Hartsough driving home with them to dinner, an invitation he was only too glad to accept. After dinner he was left with Miss Wheawill, and at 11 o'clock he requested the butler to call a carriage. Mrs. Clinton insisted on his remaining in the house for the night. This he declined at first, but as the lady seemed to have set her heart upon it he finally consented, pleased to remember that he would meet Miss Wheawill at breakfast.

He had no sooner entered his room than he heard the sound of a key turned from the outside. Trying the door, he found it locked.

"Tricked!" he cried, starting.

Meanwhile a party of men at the club, who had had an intimation from one of their number that something was in the wind, had met eager for news. As the clock struck 12 Tom Bond entered and reported that Hartsough was under lock and key. A couple of baskets of champagne celebrated the eyent.

It was 10 o'clock the next morning when Hartsough heard a tap at his prison door.

"It's I, Mr. Hartsough."

"Miss Wheawill?"

"Yes. I am very much ashamed of the part I have taken, though it was all your fault. My cousin, Tom Bond, heard your strictures on woman and your bet. I bet him the price of a theater party that I would delay you."

"H'm! There's time for repentance. It's only 10 o'clock. I'm due at the elub at 12."

"I'd lose my bet."

"I'll take care of that and keep my promise about the opera box."

"Tom will never forgive me." "I will."

"That's very nice of you."

The door was unlocked and the prisoner spent an hour in the drawing room with his jailer.

At 11:55, as the gentlemen at the club were waiting for the stroke of 12 to further celebrate, in walked Hartsough. There was blank astonishment on every face.

"How did you get out?" asked Bond. "By bribery. The lady who trapped me will have the use of the box I have WOIL."

"Yes, and she'll have you, too," said Bond with heat. "The minx not only bet me she would delay you. but that she'd make you propose to her."

Hartsough flamed to the roots of his hair.

"By thunder! She's won that bet al-F. A. MITCHEL. ready."

Clock Talk.

I dreamed I heard the little clock Say in measured speech: "Tick, tock! I keep the time by day and night

And always try to keep it right. By watching me you'll always see The time when you in bed should be. When morning light shall greet your eyes, Then you may see the time to rise, And when your breakfast you should eat, And when your teacher you should meet; So on and on through all the day, The time to work and time to play. Then always be on time, tick, tock." 'Twas thus I heard the little clock.

SOME CURIOUS EASTER CUSTOMS..

Ву HUBERT NORTHEN

T was particularly agreeable to the Roman Christians to have the ancient egg gorging feast of the Arvales Fratres-pagan gods of the continued fertility of summertransferred to Easter and absorbed by it, for the reason that they were not allowed to eat eggs during Lent, the very season when the fowls began to lay. And so, in all lands to which they sent Christianity, Easter is particularly an egg festival, and many are the strange customs connected with its celebration in this regard.

In some parts of France the cure blesses the eggs on Easter eve, going from house to house to do so and getting some of the eggs for his own Easter breakfast at each one. In the days of the monarchy the biggest eggs in France used to be sent to the Louvre for the king. There they were blessed at the mass on Easter Saturday, at which the king and his court were present, and after the mass his majesty distributed them among the members of his court.

The Russian Easter festival lasts four days, during which people carry eggs and exchange them with one another when they meet, with this salutation and answer:

"Christ is risen!"

"It is so of a truth."

Then the speakers kiss, whether they be men, women or man and woman. The offering of an egg in exchange and the saying of the salutation give the right to the peasant to kiss a princess in that glorious season. Many are the Russian romances based on the daring of youths who did that very thing, even before the eyes of the princely parent, who could only wreathe his chagrin in smiles because of custom and the holy season. But often the romance ends by the irate father cutting off the rash youth's head when the enchanted time is over.

The German children get presents of varicolored eggs at Easter, which nave been lald for them surely by the hare, for their parents have told them so. For a month before Easter the country children hunt for hares, and when they see one they cry out:

"Hare, good little hare, lay plenty of Easter eggs for us!"

That is regarded as a potent spell and always seems to bring the desired eggs.

In Brisse they have an egg dance, which decides the matrimonial prospects of many a pair. If Jack and Jill be badly matched in fortune, but very fond of one another, the parents agree to leave the decision to luck and their own dancing skill. A hundred eggs are placed about a foot apart from one another in the public square, and the lovers must dance a waltz among these. If they break no eggs, they are free to marry. Should an egg break, the heart won't, for it will be regarded as decreed by fate, and surely it is better to break eggs than hearts, say the

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patriarchs of Brisse. But it nappens, somehow, that all the young folk of Brisse are very skillful dancers.

The Season of the Matzoth.

As religiously as the Christian observes Easter does the Jew keep Passover, the feast of unleavened bread, in memory of the preparation for the flight from Egypt. This feast lasts for a week and occurs about the time of Easter. For the whole week the orthodox Jew eats unleavened bread, and no other kind will be allowed within his house. In small communities of Hebrews the housewives bake matzoths for their families, but in the great cities the Jewish bakeries turn them out in quantities. The gentiles are coming to like them.

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CHAPTER XXVIII.

HE TURNS SUPE.

"You look pretty sleepy," said the grocery man to the bad boy as he came in the store yawning and stretched himself out on the counter with his head on a piece of brown wrapping paper in reach of a box of raisins. "What's the matter? Been sitting up with your girl all night?"

"Naw! I wish I had. Wakefulness with my girl is sweeter and more restful than sleep. No, this is the result of being a dutiful son, and I am tired. You see Pa and Ma have separated—that is, not for keeps, but Pa has got frightened about burglars, and he gets up into the attic to sleep. He says it is to get fresh air, but he knows better. Ma has got so accustomed to Pa's snoring that she can't go to sleep without it, and the first night Pa left she didn't sleep a wink, and yesterday I was playing on an old accordion that I traded a dog collar for after our dog was poisoned, and when I touched the low notes I noticed Ma dozed off to sleep, it sounded so much like Pa's snore, and last night Ma made me set up and play for her to sleep.

"She rested splendid, but I am all broke up, and I sold the accordion this morning to the watchman who watches our block. It is queer what a different effect music will have on different people. While Ma was sleeping the sleep of innocence under the influence of my counterfeit of Pa's snore, the night watchman was broke of his rest by it, and he bought it of me to give it to the son of an enemy of his. Well, I have quit jerking soda."

"No, you don't tell me," said the groceryman as he moved the box of raisins out of reach. "You never will amount to anything unless you stick to one trade or profession. A rolling hen never catches the early angleworm.'

"Oh, but I am all right now. In the soda water business there is no chance for genius to rise unless the soda fountain explodes. It is all wind, and one gets tired of the constant fizz. He feels that he is a fraud, and when he puts a little sirup in a tumbler and fires a little sweetened wind and water in it until the soap suds fills the tumbler and charges 10 cents for that which only costs a cent a sensitive soda jerker who has reformed feels that it is worse than three card monte. I couldn't stand the wear on my conscience, so I have got a permanent

job as a super and shall open the 1st of September.

"Say, what's a super? It isn't one of these free lunch places that the mayor closes at midnight, is it?" And the gro-

cery man looked sorry.

"Oh, thunder, you want salt on you! A super is an adjunct to the stage. A supe is a fellow that assists the stars and things carrying chairs and taking up carpets and sweeping the sand off the stage after a dancer has danced a jig, and he brings beer for the actors and helps lace up corsets and anything he can do to add to the effect of the play. Privately, now, I have been acting as a supe for a long time on the sly, and my folks didn't know anything about it, but since I reformed and decided to be good I felt it my duty to tell Ma and Pa about it. The news broke Ma all up at first, but Pa said some of the best actors in this country were supes once, and some of them were now, and he thought suping would be the making of me.

"Ma thought going on the stage would be my ruination. She said the theater was the hotbed of sin and brought more ruin than the church could head off, but when I told her that they always gave a supe two or three extra tickets for his family she said the theater had some redeeming features, and when I said my entrance upon the stage would give me a splendid opportunity to get the recipe for face powder from the actresses for Ma and I could find out how the actresses managed to get No. 4 feet into No. 1 shoes Ma said she wished I would commence suping right off. Ma says there are some bad things about the theater that are not so all fired bad, and she wants me to get seats for the first comic opera that comes along.

"Pa wants it understood with the manager that a supe's father has a right to go behind the scenes to see that o harm befalls him, but I know what a wants. He may seem pious and all that, but he likes to look at ballet girls

better than any meek and lowly followr I ever see, and some day you will hear music in the air. Pa thinks theaters are very bad when he has to pay \$1 for a reserved seat, but when he can get in for nothing as a relative of one of the 'perfesh' the theater has many redeemng qualities. Pa and Ma think I am going into business fresh and green, but I know all about it. When I played with McCullough here once"-

"Oh, what are you giving us!" said the grocery man in disgust, "when you played with McCullough! What did you do?"

"What did I do? Why, you old seed jucumber, the whole play centered around me. Do you remember the scene n the Roman forum where McCullough addressed the populace of Rome? I was the populace. Don't you remember a small feller standing in front of the Roman orator taking it in, with a nightshirt on, with bare legs and arms? That was me, and everything depended on me. Suppose I had gone off the stage at the critical moment or laughed when I should have looked fierce at the inspired words of the Roman senator. It would have been a dead give away on McCullough. As the populace of Rome I consider myself a glittering success, and Mac took me by the hand when they carried Cæsar's dead body out, and he said, 'Us three did ourselves proud.' Such praise from McCullough is seldom accorded to a supe. But I don't consider the populace of the imperial city of Rome my masterpiece.

"Where I excel is in coming out before the curtain between the acts and anhooking the carpet. Some supes go out and turn their backs to the audience, showing patches on their pants, and rip up the carpet with no style about them, and the dust flies, and the boys yell 'supe,' and the supe gets nervous and forgets his cue and goes off tumbling over the carpet, and the orchestra leader is afraid the supe will fall on him.

But I go out with a quiet dignity that is only gained by experience, and I take hold of the carpet the way Hamlet takes up the skull of Yorick, and the audience is paralyzed. I kneel down on the carpet to unhook it in a devotional sort of a way that makes the audience bow their heads as though they were in church, and before they realize that I am only a supe I have the carpet unhooked and march out the way a 'Piscopal minister does when he goes out between the acts at church to change his shirt. They never 'guy' me, 'cause I act well my part. But I kick on holding dogs for actresses.

"Some supes think they are made if they can hold a dog, but I have an ambition that a pug dog will not fill. I held Mary Anderson's cud of gum once while she went on the stage, and when she came off and took her gum her fingers touched mine, and I had to run my fingers in my hair to warm them, like a fellow does when he has been snowballing. Gosh, but she would freeze ice cream without salt. I shall be glad when the theatrical season opens, 'cause we actors get tired laying off."

"Well, I'd like to go behind the scenes with you some night," said the grocery man, offering the bad boy an orange to get solid with him, in view of future complimentary tickets. "No

danger, is there?"

"No danger if you keep off the grass. But you'd 'a' died to see my Sunday school teacher one Saturday night last summer. He keeps books in a store and is pretty soon week days, but he can tell you more about Daniel in the lion's den on Sunday than anybody. He knew l was solidat the theater and wanted me to get him behind the scenes one night, and another supe wanted to go to the sparring match, and I thought it wouldn't be any harm to work my teacher in, so I got him a job that night to hold the dogs for the Uncle Tom's show. He was in one of the wings holding the chains, and the dogs were just anxious to go on, and it was all my teacher could do to hold them.

"I told him to wind the chains around his wrists, and he did so, and just then Eliza began to skip across the ice, and we sicked the bloodhounds on before my teacher could unwind the chains from his wrists, and the dogs pulled him right out on the stage on his stomach and drawed him across, and he jerked one dog and kicked him in the stomach, and the dog turned on my teacher and took a mouthful of his coattail and shook it, and I guess the dog got some meat; anyway the teacher climbed up a stepladder, and the dogs treed him, and the stepladder fell down, and we grabbed the dogs and put some court plaster on the teacher's nose, where the fire extinguisher peeled it, and he said he would go home cause the theater was demoralizing in its tendencies. I s'pose it was not right, but when the teacher stood up to hear our Sunday school lesson the next day cause he was tired where the dog bit him, I said 'Sick-em!' in a whisper when his back was turned, and he jumped clear over the Bible class and put his hands around to his coattail as though he thought the 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' party were giving a matinee in the church.



The dogs pulled him right out on the stage on his stomach.'

"The Sunday school lesson was about the dog's licking the sores of Lazarus. 1 don't think a Damaay school teacher ought to bring up personal reminiscences before a class of children, do you? Well, some time next fall you put on a clean shirt and a pair of sheet iron pants, with stove legs on the inside, and I will take you behind the scenes to see some good moral show. In the meantime if you have occasion to talk to Pa tell him that Booth and Barrett and Keene commenced on the stage as supes, and Salvini roasted peanuts in the lobby of some theater. I want our folks to feel that I am taking the right course to become a star. I prythee, au reservoir. I go hens! but to return. Avaunt!" And the boy walked out on his toes a la Booth.

THE FLIGHT OF AN EMPRESS

[Original.]

The second empire had fallen, and the Empress Eugenie, like her predecessor, Marie Antoinette, awaited the coming of a mob. The shouts of the malcontents already rang in the garden of the Tuileries. Then the crowd broke into the reserved garden before the palace and tore down the imperial eagles. Now comes the cry of "Vive la republique!"

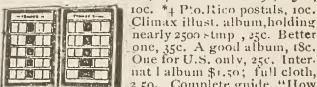
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"Let me entreat your majesty," said Prince Metternich, the Austrian ambassador, "to leave the palace."

"I add my entreaties," said Chevalier Nigra, the Italian ambassador, "to those of his excellency."

It was a critical moment. The empress was in the rose colored room among her attendants of the service of honor, who were trembling to be relieved from duty and to save themselves. The empress declined to leave.

"Madame," said her secretary, Pietri, "your refusal to depart will cause a general massacre of those whose duty it is to remain with you."

"General Millinet," said the empress, "can you defend the palace without bloodshed?"

"I fear not, madame."

"Then all is over."

When those in attendance perceived that her majesty had yielded, there was a quick sigh of relief, though renewed yells at the front of the palace brought a terror lest the flight had been delayed too long. All remembered the breaking into the palace at Versailles of the mob from which Marie Antoinette had fled and the massacre of the Swiss guard that defended her. Breathlessly the service of honor waited Eugenie's departure. First she must bid farewell to them. When this had been finished, she left the room with Pietri, Mme. Lebreton and the two ambassadors and passed through the galleries leading to the Louvre. At the same moment the mob was breaking into the front of the palace. Suddenly Pietri found the way blocked by a locked door. Pale as a ghost, he cried: "The key! The key!"

For a moment it seemed that they were lost, but suddenly one of the attendants ran forward with the key and unlocked the door. Hurrying past pictures that the rulers of France had been centuries in collecting, the party made an exit at the end of the palace farthest from the mob and entered the place on which stood the Church of St. Germain l'Auxerrois. The whole city was in an uproar. A mob was passing down Rue Rivoli; another was coming from an opposite direction. Metternich, who had left his carriage on the Rue Rivoli when he entered the Tuileries, went to seek it. A street boy, recognizing Eugenie, shouted, "There's the empress!" Fortunately a cab was driven past. Nigra stopped it and, opening the door, put in the empress and Mme. Lebreton, then turned to the boy and endeavored to stop his mouth. The driver of the cab, seeing the terrible wave of revolution pouring down the street, belabored his horse with the stump of a whip and droveno one knew where. When Metternich returned, the empress had gone. She was deprived of the two ambassadors' protection, but she was safer where she was.

On went the cab with the woman who for years had been the first lady of France, now a fugitive from a crowd of her infuriated subjects. Farther and farther their hideous yells were left behind till at last they had become a confused murmur. Then the cabman drew rein and asked where he should drive the occupants.

Where? The question was the most serious Eugenie had ever been called upon to answer in all her romantic life. Where? To the home of one of the favorites of her late court? Should she seek those of the diplomatic corps? Would it be safe to rely upon one prominent in the corps legislatif, the commander of the army? All of these were passed in review and dismissed. Some old friend must temporarily hide her. Deciding upon one, she told the cabman to drive to her home. The friend was not there. The fugitive was driven to the house of another and another. None was at home. They were either mingling in the exciting events or were hiding from those who had known them for court favorites.

Then a happy thought struck the empress. In trying to remember one she could trust who did not live far from where she was at the time it occurred to her that the house of an American dentist, Dr. Evans, was but a short distance away. She gave the coachman an order to drive there.

Arriving at the house, she sent in word that a lady wished to see the doc-

"Tell the lady that I am about to sit down to dinner."

"The lady says she must see you," said the messenger.

Evans answered the summons, a summons from the ex-empress of France.

With all the respect he had ever paid her when at the height of her power Dr. Evans took her in and with his wife befriended her in every possible way. This was fraught with danger. Had it become known that the empress was in his house he and his family would have had to suffer with her, for his flag would not have protected them against an irresponsible mob.

Then came the flight to the coast, Evans protecting his imperial guest by the way, the crossing of the English channel, safety in England. There the deposed empress lives on her estate. If she found an asylum among Englishmen, it was an American who enabled her to escape her bloodthirsty subjects and reach their shores in safety.

ROSALIE TREAT THURBER.

Interesting Facts About Bees.

John Burroughs says that when a bee brings pollen into the hive he advances to the cell in which it is to be deposited and kicks it off, as one might his overalls or rubber boots, making one foot help another. The honeybee ranks among the highest of all insects. because of its thoughtful provision for the future and the care shown its young. The young bees which receive this care from the working bees are called larvæ. These are of three kinds, found in three different kinds of cells, and they are called queens, drones and workers. The best time to study this wonderful insect is when buckwheat and goldenrod are in bloom. If possible, visit some hive and try to see them at work inside. It is very interesting to see a few captured bees that have

been fed with some honey "take a bee line" for home when let loose. This is the plan followed in the mountains and elsewhere when hunting for wild houey. Frequently these bees will return for more honey to the same place where they were fed at first, as their instinct is akin to reason, and they always observe a place so as to return to it. When making room in the hive for a set of young bees, the old queen bee leaves the hive, followed by nearly all of the grown bees that are there at the time, and, after swarming in the air, they go directly to a new home, just as if they had selected the place beforehand. They not only make wax and honey, but add to their usefulness by carrying the pollen for the fertilization of flowers.

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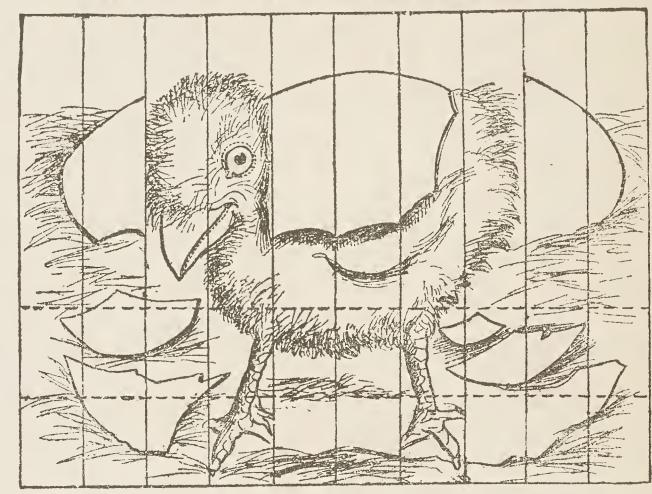
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dress and sent her to Montana. From there she went to California, then to British Columbia and from there to Ottawa. Each postoffice clerk seems to have enjoyed her society as long as he pleased, then pasted a stamp to her gown and sent her on.

At Denver she evidently attended a banquet of the mailing clerks and had some new traveling garments given her. Her dress is said to be covered over with postage stamps

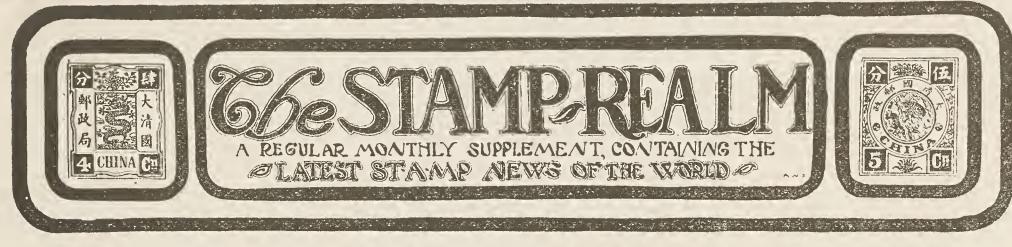
Knife. The shape or cut of an envelope, band, etc. The knife is a steel punch used for cutting out the shape of the envelope.

Lid paper Paper containing parallel lines watermarked in its texture. Paper may be vertically or horizontally laid according as the lines run up and down or from left to right, respectively.

Lined ground. The designed background of a stamp when composed of lines instead of solid masses of color.

Lithographed. Printed from stone. The lines of a lithographed stamp are less sharp and distinct than of an engraved stamp.

(To Be Continued.)



NEWS AND COMMENT.



II E new U. S. 2c envelope has been put in circulation. It is entirely different from any envelope stamp we have used since the Centennial issue, which stamps it slightly resembles in shape. Somebody has happily compared it to a

baggage check, and altogether it is supposed to be the ugliest stamp ever issued by the department. The color is carmine and so far it has appeared on white, amber, blue and oriental buff paper.

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The king's head now appears on the stamps of Hong Kong.

A STAMP DICTIONARY.

Adhesive. A stamp gummed or otherwise which may be glued to an envelope. An envelope stamp is not an adhesive.

Advanced collector. One who has a large collection or who makes an intellegent study of the stamps of any particular country. See specialist.

Blick. A square of 4 stamps cut from a single sheet.

Bigus stamps. Counterfeits.

British Colonials. Stamps used in any part of the colonies belonging to Great Britain.

Example, stamps of Victoria, Ceylon, etc. C. A. A watermark on British stamps standing for "Crown Agents."

Cancelled. Stamps effaced by the postmaster, either with pen and ink, or with an inked stamp to show they have been used.

Carlist stamps. Spanish stamps issued by the revolutionary followers of Don Carlos.

Carton paper. Extremely thick paper.

C. C. A watermark on British stamps which stands for "Crown Colony."

Colonials. Stamps used in the colonies controlled by any nation. Thus the stamps of Victoria are called British Colonials.

Compound perforation. Where the perforation on two opposite sides of a stamp varies in size from that on the other two sides.

Continentals. Stamps from Europe. A term more commonly used to express the cheaper varieties.

Copper engraring. A stamp engraved from a copper plate on which the reverse design was previously scratched. The process of printing is the same as that from a steel plate.

Counterfeits. Imitations of genuine stamps.

Covers. The envelopes or wrappers upon

which stamps were originally affixed.

Cut-square (adj.) Envelope stamps are frequently cut away from the envelope. When this is done the stamp should be cut out square, not round, and a margin left around

Cut to shape. An envelope or wrapper stamp cut close to the design without margin.

all sides of it.

Department stamps. Stamps used by government departments and not by the public in general.

Destrine. A mucilaginous powder made from starch, and applied to the backs of many stamps.

Die. An engraved plate from which stamps

can be printed.

Double impression. A stamp printed, by mistake, on both sides.

Double perforation. Two rows of perforation along any one side of a stamp.

Due stamp. A stamp indicating that sufficient postage has not been paid on a letter to ensure its delivery.

Duplicate 'A stamp like some other stamp. Embossed. The raised parts of a stamp.

Entires. This means entire envelope stamps before they are cut from the surrounding envelope.

Errov. A stamp incompletely made. The error is usually in the color, a wrong color being used by mistake in the printing.

Essay. An artist's design for a new stamp. Fac-simile. A representation of a genuine

stamp. A counterfeit. Fiscals. Revenue stamps.

Forgery. A counterfeit.

Frame. Lines around the outside of a stamp or around one portion of the interior.

Government counterfeit. A stamp printed by the government from a new plate made to imitate an old one now destroyed.

Government reprint. A stamp printed from an old plate no longer in use.

Grill. An emboss, consisting of rows of raised points covering some portion of a stamp. By running the finger over these points they feel rough to the touch See stamps of the U.S. for 1869.

Groundwork. The background of the design on a stamp.

Gum. Dextrine, gum Arabic, gum senegal, etc.

Hevaldic emblem. The mark of family distinction found on coats of arms etc.

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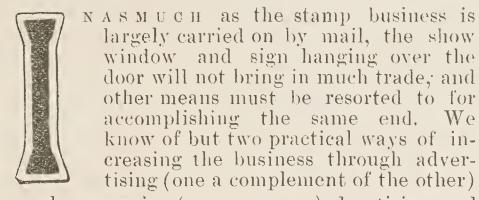
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One of our large dealers once said to the writer, in reference to this subject, that he was willing to pay one dollar each for every good customer he could secure through advertising. On the other hand, every publisher now and then receives a letter from some advertiser, complaining on the ground that his advertisement of a certain set or packet of stamps in the last issue cost him so many dollars and that he did not sell enough packets to pay for the advertisement and the cost of the stamps. Perhaps the advertisement cost him two dollars and the stamps two dollars more, and he only sold 35 packets at ten cents each, losing, as he supposes, fifty cents on the transaction. His faith in advertising is shaken, and he decides to close out his business before another year. While it would be questioned whether the AVER-AGE stamp customer would be worth fishing for with a dollar bait on the end of the line, he is worth getting at a sacrifice of a certain amount of cold cash, and this is the only way to reach him. Our complainant who writes the publisher for an extra inch or two of free advertising space because his four-dollar outlay cost him fifty cents more than he realized, forgets that the 35 new customers he has secured are worth to him vastly more than the fifty cents he imagines he has lost. If he mails a price list filled up with good things at a reasonable price (not necessarily a sacrifice price) to each of his 35 new customers, he is certain to get orders from some of them, and perhaps ten of them will accept an agency.

Competition has reached that point where the

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old-time business card stating that Messrs. So and So are in the stamp business, located on the corner of A and B street, where they will be glad to receive orders for stamps, is of little avail as a means of creating business. Ordinary sets of stamps offered at full catalogue value have little enticement to-day for the average collector who reads the stamp papers. The method adopted by the largest mail-order stamp houses seems to be to offer something at merely a slight advance over the actual cost for the purpose of enhancing trade, the object being merely to reach the person who has money in his pocket and the disposition to spend a part of it, at least, on stamps. Of course, every reply to an advertisement does not mean that one more steady customer has been added to the list, but each reply is worth an expenditure of so many cents, the cost varying with the business-bringing quality of the advertising medium employed.

Dealers should study to make their ads. attractive, their offers, enticing. Then, the right papers should be selected for carrying the advertisement. The leading juveniles and the stamp papers pay best. Most of the rest do not pay at all. Neither do all the magazines for the young and those purposely for collectors pay well. The dealer must find out for himself what papers pay him best to use. A single advertisement will not decide this question. Every paper worth trying at all should be tried faithfully. The papers which carry the most stamp advertising, as a rule, are the best ones to use. Papers whose advertisingrates are the lowest are not necessarily the most economical to use. Neither are the papers with the highest rates sure to be the best "pullers." Make your selection with great care, your advertisement a winner, and then advertise, especially during the busy months of the year, relentlessly, for upon this depends largely your success.

Replies to advertisements must be followed up by price lists or circulars pricing in full the goods you sell by mail. The more complete it is, the more orders you will receive. No one class of goods will suit all, so you must carry a stock large enough to please everybody. Bold, attractive type should be used for the display lines, but it is extravagant to spread your ads. over too much space, especially those describing the cheaper goods, for paper and printer's ink cost money, and the bulkier your price list, the larger your postage bill will be.

Many of the largest manufacturing houses do their own printing, to save expense, and a small printing plant is often a wise investment for a stamp dealer who has some mechanical skill and a little artistic taste. The variety and amount of printed matter used in conducting a mail-order stamp business is larger, in proportion to the business actually done, than that used in almost any other line of trade. Consequently, the printing bill is no small item of the monthly expense of the business. A part of this expense can be saved by purchasing a self-inking press at least large enough to print with one impression two pages of a small price list, a large font of newspaper type for the body of the price list, a few fonts of display type, the necessary tools, and type cases for holding the various letters. Usually a small second hand outfit good enough can be bought for about one-half the cost of new machinery and material. We mention this outfit not as a necessity, however, but as a money-saver to many.

In concluding, we will say, "Don't be discouraged because there are many already engaged in the business." The more dealers, the more collectors, and every advertisement tends to attract new collectors to this popular pursuit.

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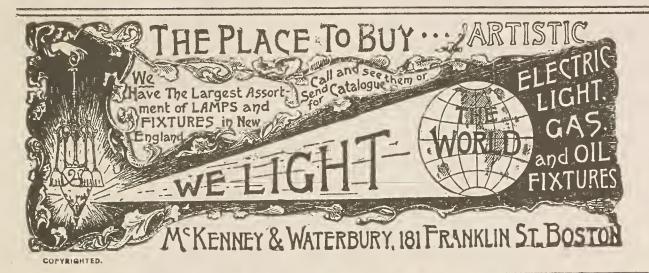
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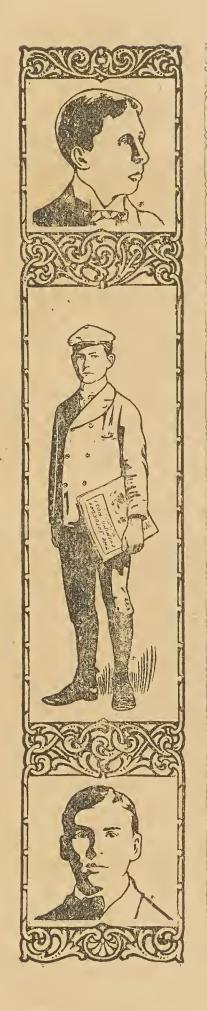
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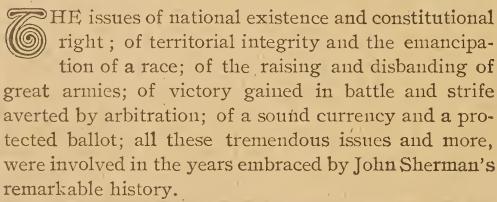
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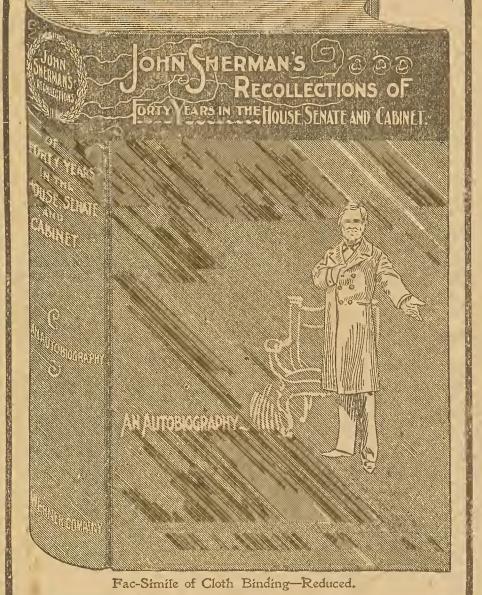
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